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SUBJ: HIGHLIGHTS OF SPANISH REQUESTS MADE DURING THE
SEVENTH ROUND OF CONVERSATION ON THE AGREEMENT
OF FRIENDSHIP CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
COOPERATION, AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGY
COOPERATION. (CHAPTERS 2 AND 3 OF THE AGREEMENT)

1. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION:

THE MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT WAS CHAIRED BY ENRIQUE LARROQUE DE
LA CRUZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL DE COOPERACION TECNICA INTERNACIONAL;
IN ATTENDANCE WITH HIM WERE: RAMIRO PEREZ MAURA, ACTING DEPUTY;
JUAN DE LUIS CAMBLOR, MIN.EDUCATION; VIRGILIO SORIA PEREZ, MIN.
INDUSTRY; ANDRES PEREZ MASSIA, SUPERIOR COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC
INVESTIGATIONS; ALBERTO GONZALEZ QUIJANO, MIN.AGRICULTURE;
RICARDO FERNANDEZ CELLINI, NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMITTEE; JULIAN
GOMEZ GALLEGU, SPANISH OCEANOGRAPHY INSTITUTE.
THIS MEETING TOOK PLACE AT 11:00 A.M., JULY 2, 1975. SR.
LARROQUE WAS OBVIOUSLY PRIMED FOR THIS PRESENTATION AND ALTHOUGH
HIS MORE THAN AN HOUR PERSONAL PRESENTATION DEALT IN SOME
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IRRELEVANCIES, THE SUBSTANCE OF SPANISH INTERESTS ON THIS

SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGICAL SIDE CAME THROUGH RATHER CLEARLY. THE SPANIARDS VISUALIZE A DOUBLE-FUNDING MECHANISM THAT WILL TAKE CARE OF: (A) INTERCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS AND EDUCATORS IN THE SCIENCE FIELDS, ALONG WITH SOME MINOR PROJECTS, AND (B) A SERIES OF JOINT VENTURES BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES THAT WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE MAGNITUDE AND WOULD BE JOINTLY FUNDED. THE AREAS OF INTEREST FOR THE JOINT VENTURE (BIG PROJECTS) SECTION WOULD BE: (1) ENERGY (SOLAR AND NUCLEAR); (2) OCEANOGRAPHY; (3) SPACE; (4) ENVIRONMENT. THE MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLE AND THE PROJECTS COMING UNDER (A) ABOVE WOULD BE PAID FOR FROM A SPECIAL FUND THE SIZE OF WHICH WOULD BE FOR THE MOST PART DETERMINED BY THE US, BASED ON WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE. THE VARIOUS INTERESTS STATED UNDER (B) ABOVE WOULD PROBABLY CONSIST OF PROTOCOLS OR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS DEVELOPED SEPARATELY WITH AGREED-UPON JOINT-FUNDING INPUTS.

LARROQUE FRANKLY STATED THAT \$2 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, WITH ONE YET TO COME, WAS REALLY NOT A SIGNIFICANT QUANTITY. FOR THIS REASON HE WAS APPROACHING THE CONVERSATIONS ON A DIFFERENT CONCEPTUAL BASE AND WITH A CONSIDERABLY GREATER MAGNITUDE IN MIND. WHAT HE SEES AS NECESSARY IS AN EFFICIENTLY-FUNCTIONING COORDINATING MECHANISM AND SOME DIRECT NEGOTIATING MEANS OF WORKING WITH US INSTITUTIONS. HE SEES THIS LATTER CIRCUMSTANCE AS BEING MOST POSSIBLE UNDER JOINT-VENTURE PROGRAMS.

THE INTERCHANGE OF SCHOLARS AND SCIENTISTS IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND SUCH DEVELOPMENT OF PERSONNEL RESOURCES SHOULD NEVER BE ABANDONED. THIS WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF UNDER THE SPECIAL FUNDING PROJECTS MENTIONED AS SECTION A.

ENERGY WAS OBVIOUSLY THE MOST IMPORTANT THEME OF LARROQUE'S PRESENTATION. HE SAW THIS AS TRANSCENDING ALL OTHER INTERESTS IN IMPORTANCE. HE SEES TWO DIVISIONS - NUCLEAR ENERGY AND SOLAR ENERGY. SPAIN RANKS QUITE HIGH IN THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS AS TO ITS DEGREE OF DEVELOPMENT IN NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY. THIS CAPACITY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO SLACKEN ITS PACE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES FOR ALL THE OBVIOUS REASONS. SOLAR ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IS IN ITS INFANCY HERE, AND THE SPANIARDS DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THIS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. FAST BREEDER REACTORS AND URANIUM ENRICHMENT WERE MENTIONED AS THE MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS THAT WERE NEEDED IN SPAIN'S NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT

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FINALLY, LARROQUE FORESAW THE NEED TO REVISE COMPLETELY THE US-SPANISH AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP WITH REGARD TO THESE ISSUES. HE FORESAW THE NEED OF A SPECIAL CHAPTER ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ANOTHER SEPARATE CHAPTER ON COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF ENERGY, ANOTHER ON ENVIRONMENT, AND PERHAPS ONE ON SPACE. OCEANOGRAPHY WOULD PRESUMABLY NEED ONE ALSO. HE TALKED BRIEFLY ON THE ENLARGED ADMINISTRATIVE NEEDS THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THIS REVISED AGREEMENT AND SPOKE VAGUELY OF A NEWLY CONSTITUTED JOINT COMMISSION WITH NECESSARY SPECIALIST PARTICIPANTS (SUB COMMISSIONS) FOR THE VARIOUS FIELDS THAT ARE TO BE CONSIDERED. BEYOND THIS, LITTLE FURTHER MENTION WAS MADE OF ADMINISTRATIVE MECHANISMS. LARROQUE TERMINATED BY SAYING HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE US SIDE'S REACTION TO THESE PROPOSALS.

FOR THE US SIDE, MR.EDWARD ROWELL, MEMBER OF THE NEGOTIATING TEAM, ALONG WITH COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY AND COORDINATOR OF NON-MILITARY ASPECT PROGRAMS (NMA), GEORGE A. RYLANCE, AND EMBASSY SCIENCE ATTACHE, DR. DUNCAN CLEMENT WERE PRESENT.

2. EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION:

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THIS MEETING CONVENED AT 5:30 P.M., JULY 3, 1975. FOR THE SPANISH SIDE PRESENT WERE THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CULTURAL RELATIONS, JOSE LUIS MESSIA Y JIMENEZ, AND HIS SUBDIRECTOR GENERAL PEDRO ORTIZ ARMENGOL; ON THE US SIDE WERE MR. EDWARD ROWELL, MEMBER OF AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY'S DELEGATION; COUNSELOR FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS, GEORGE A. RYLAND; AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER EDWARD ELLY. THIS ALSO WAS THE FIRST MEETING ON THE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL CHAPTER TO BE HELD SINCE THE NEGOTIATIONS STARTED.

MESSIA EXPRESSED THE SATISFACTION OF HIS GOVERNMENT ON THE CONCEPT OF THE CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL SIDE OF THE PROGRAM AND THE MANNER IN WHICH IT HAS OPERATED SINCE THE BEGINNING. HE NOTED THAT IT HAD RECEIVED AN ANNUAL ALLOTMENT OF \$800,000 EXCEPT FOR FY 1975 WHEN IT RECEIVED \$1,000,000. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE QUITE FRANK IN STATING THAT THE SPANISH DID NOT VIEW THIS AS A VERY SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT AND THAT IT COULD CERTAINLY BE DOUBLED AND MORE PROBABLY TRIPLED OR QUADRUPLD TO BE A MORE REALISTIC FIGURE IN THE SCHEME OF THINGS. HE MENTIONED FURTHER THAT THE PRESENT POLICY OF HAVING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PASS JUDGMENT ON PROJECTS AND "CALL THE SHOTS" ON MANY ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM LEFT THEM WITH A FEELING OF BEING LESS THAN AN EQUAL PARTNER IN THE VENTURE. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT PROGRAMMING AND APPROVAL OF PROJECTS COULD BECOME SOMEWHAT MORE AUTOMATIC ONCE THE TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE (A THREE-MAN BODY COMPOSED OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE, AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE EMBASSY) HAD MADE A DECISION. IN OTHER WORDS, SINCE HIS GOVERNMENT HAD VESTED COMPLETE AUTHORITY IN ITS REPRESENTATION ON THE TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE TO ADMINISTER ITS PORTION OF THE PROGRAM, HE WOULD HOPE THAT THE SAME COULD OCCUR FOR THE US SIDE AND THAT REFERRALS OF POLICY AND OPERATIONS COULD BE REDUCED AT LEAST TO A MINIMUM IF NOT ALTOGETHER IN THE FUTURE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS PART OF THE AGREEMENT ON FRIENDSHIP.

MESSIA STATED THAT SOME PROBLEMS HAD ARISEN CONCERNING TECHNIQUES AND PROCEDURES UTILIZED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM BUT THESE WERE INTERNAL, STEMMING FROM THE SPANISH SIDE, AND THAT THEY WOULD TAKE CARE OF THESE THEMSELVES ONCE A NEW AGREEMENT WAS IN OPERATION. HE SUMMARIZED THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SPANISH SIDE'S VIEWS AS DESIRING MORE SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROGRAMS WHICH MEANT MUCH GREATER FUNDING; AND POSITIVE AUTHORITY IN HANDLING ITS PROGRAMS. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS AND OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM THUS FAR, ALTHOUGH AT ITS INADEQUATE LEVEL. DIRECTOR GENERAL MESSIA'S PRESENTATION WAS CHARACTERISTICALLY RAPID, FRANK AND TO THE POINT. THE WHOLE SESSION LASTED ABOUT HALF AN HOUR.
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